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SUBJECT: CSCE III: OPENING DAY

1. SUMMARY. CSCE STAGE III OPENED AS SCHEDULED JULY 30. HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST DAY OF SPEECHES WERE A TOUGH FIRST SPEECH BY WILSON, INCLUDING PHRASE ON APPLICABILITY TO BERLIN AS AGREED IN BONN GROUP, SHARP CRITICISM OF TURKISH ACTIONS IN CYPRUS BY CARAMANLIS, ANNOUNCEMENT BY MORO THAT HE WOULD SIGN FINAL ACT OF CSCE ALSO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EC COUNCIL, AND ECHO BY SCHMIDT OF BERLIN LANGUAGE USED EARLIER BY WILSON. SPEECHES WERE GENERALLY RESTRAINED AND HOPEFUL, AND COMMON THEME WAS NEED FOR MEANINGRUL IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE RESULTS. VERBATIM RECORDS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EUR/RPM) WHEN AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE STAGE III OPENED AS SCHEDULED IN HELSINKI AT 12:00 ON JULY 30, WITH A SPEECH OF WELCOME BY FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN AND A SPEECH OF GREETING BY YNSYG WALDHEIM. WALDHEIM RELATED CONFERENCE TO BROADER WORLD PERSPECTIVE REPRESENTED BY UN, AND NOTED THAT TWO UN AGENCIES -- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO FOLLOW-UP OF BASKETS II AND III. CEREMONIAL OPEING SESSION ENDED AT 12:30.

- 3. UK: FIRST WORKING SESSION BEGAN AFTERNOON OF JULY 30 WITH NOTABLY TOUGH SPEECH BY UK PRIME MINISTER WILSON, WHO USED AGREED BONN GROUP PHRASE TO STATE THAT UK CONSIDERS CSCE DOCUMENTS RELATE ALSO TO BERLIN, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROGRESS COULD NOW ALSO BE ACHIEVED IN MBFR TALKS AND OTHER CONCRETE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. IN REFERRING TO BASKET III RESULTS WILSON SAID THAT TO DENY EUROPEANS THE POSSIBILITY TO MARRY WHOM THEY WANT, HEAR AND READ WHAT THEY WANT, TRVEL ABROAD WHEN AND WHERE THEY WANT, OR TO MEET WHOM THEY WANT WAS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS, AND RECALLED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE RESULTS WOULD BE ASSESSED AT 1977 FOLLOW-UP MEETING.
- 4. GREECE: CARAMANLIS SPEECH WAS NOTABLE FOR ITS SHARP CRITICISM OF TURKISH ACTIONS IN CYPRUS, WHICH HE SAID WERE IN CONFLICT WITH UN AND CSCE PRINCIPLES. DESPITE GREECE'S DISAPPOINTMENT CARAMANLIS SAID GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SIGN THE FINAL ACT IN THE HOPE THAT "THE WRONGDOER" WOULD COMPLY WITH IT "AND RESTORE JUSTICE IN CYPRUS."
- 5. ICELAND: ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON USED HIS SPEECH TO RECALL THAT CSCE TEXTS ON COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT FORMED FRAMEWORK FOR ICELANDIC DECISION TO CONSERVE OCEAN RESOURCES BY EXTENDING FISHING JURISDICTION TO 200 NAUTICAL MILES.
- 6. CANADA: TRUDEAU REVIEWED RELATIONSHIP OF CSCE RESULTS TO OVERALL WORLD SITUATION, AND STRESSED CLOSE CANADIAN LINKS TO EUROPE.
- 7. BULGARIA: COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY ZHIVKOV, THE FIRST COMMUNIST SPEAKER, STRESSED UPRECEDENTED NATURE OF STAGE III GATHERING AND THE FACT THAT CSCE HAD BEEN A COMMUNIST INITIATIVE. HE CALLED CONCLUSION OF CONFERNCE A "GREAT VICTORY" FOR ALL WHO HAVE CHOSEN PEACE AND COOPERATION. ZHIVKOV CALLED DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES THE CORE OF CSCE FINAL ACT, AND IN REFERRING TO BASKET III SAID BULGARIA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOORS WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE " WITH GOOD AND HONEST INTENTIONS, WHO OBSERVE THE LAWS, TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS OF THEIR HOSTS." ZHIVKOV REITERATED COMMUNIST LINE THAT MILITARY DETENTE SHOULD COMPLEMENT POLITICAL DETENTE, AND SPECIFICALLY CITED TALKS ON FORCE REDUCTIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS LOGICAL AREA FOR PROGRESS.

8. GDR: HONECKER AS EXPECTED ECHOED MANY OF THE THEMES OF

THE BULGARIAN SPEECH, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON FACT THAT CSCE WAS A COMMUNIST INITIATIVE, AND THAT IT RESULTED FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE OF WORLD WAR II. HONECKER PICKED OUT PRINCIPLE OF INVIOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS AS MAIN CRITERION OF WHETHER POLICIES SERVE PEACE.

9. ITALY: MORO STRESSED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION AS REPRESENTED BY BASKET III, AND NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE RESULTS. MORO ALSO HIGHLIGHTED SPECIAL ITALIAN INTEREST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD SIGN THE FINAL ACT ALSO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

10. SWITZERLAND: PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION GRABER WAS FIRST NEUTRAL SPEAKER, AND RECALLED HISTORICAL SWISS INTEREST IN AVOIDING CONFRONTATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS. GRABER UNDERLINED THAT CONSENSUS RULE IN CSCE HAD GIVEN SMALL COUNTRIES AN IMPORTANT ROLE. HE CONCEDED THAT RESULTS OF BASKET III MAY SEEM MEAGER, BUT ASSERTED THAT FACT THAT THESE SUBJECTS HAD BEEN FRANKLY DISCUSSED WAS A POSITIVE FEATURE AND RESULT IS A FIRST MILESTONE FOR THE FUTURE. GRABER REGRETTED THAT SWISS PROPOSAL FOR A SYSTEM FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED, BUT LOOKED FORWARD TO ITS CONTINUED CONSIDERATION.

11. FRG: SCHMIDT REVIEWED EVENTS LEADING UP TO CSCE, INCLUDING CHRONOLOGY OF OSTPOLITIK AND CALLED CONFERENCE RESULTS A SETTING OF EAST-WEST STANDARDS.HE SUGGESTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION WAS NOW REAL TEST OF DETENTE, AND RELATED PEACEFUL CHANGE PROVISION SPECIFICALLY TO FUTURE POSSIBLITY OF GERMAN UNITY THROUGH FREE SELF-DETERMINATION, WHICH "REMAINS OUR AIM:" SCHMIDT ALSO RECALLED WILSON'S PHRASE THAT CSCE RESULTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD ALSO APPLY TO BERLIN. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO POSSIBILITY THAT PROGRESS COULD NOW BE MADE IN MBFR TALKS AND EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT BASKET III RESULTS WOULD NOW BE IMPLEMENTED. KISSINGER

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